

Patent offices

†2274. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of patent offices established in the country;
- (b) the details of trade mark certificates issued during the last three years, till date, patent office-wise;
- (c) whether Government have fixed any guidelines for issuing trade mark certificates; and
- (d) the region-wise details of applications pending in patent offices for issuance of trade mark certificates as on date and by when it is proposed to issue trade mark certificates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) Patent Offices have been set up in Chennai (Tamil Nadu), New Delhi (Delhi), Kolkata (West Bengal) and Mumbai (Maharashtra).

(b) Trade Marks Registry has issued 39,762 certificates in 2003-04; 45,015 certificates in 2004-05; and 1,82,925 certificates in 2005-06. In the current year, 56,953 trademark certificates have been issued upto 30th November, 2006.

(c) Registration of Trade Marks is governed by the provisions laid down in Trade Marks Rules, 2002 and Trade Marks Act, 1999.

(d) The region-wise pendency of applications for issuance of Trade Mark certificates is as under:

Chennai—5,172	Delhi—20,899	Kolkata—3,378
Mumbai—13,470	Ahmedabad—4,388	

No definite time-frame can be indicated for issuance of certificates. Attempt is made by the concerned Registry to clear the pending applications at the earliest after following the prescribed procedures.

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